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FINANCE, LEGAL & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES - FINANCE April 12, 2022 AT 10:30AM

ATTENDANCE:

Legislators: Sauerbrey, Ciotoli, Roberts, Monell, Brown, Mullen, Weston, Hollenbeck, Standinger Staff: McFadden, DeWind, Jerzak, Chandler, Haskell, Freyvogel, Thorpe Absent: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the March 15th Finance Committee were read and a motion to approve by Legislator Standinger, seconded by Legislator Mullen and unanimously carried.

FINANCIAL: Treasurer McFadden reported the YTD budget was tracking well. The Treasurer's Office has booked PILOT payments from then IDA, and 14k from an outstanding 2018 auction property. Delinquent tax payments continue to roll in.

OLD BUSINESS: A YTD tax collection spreadsheet of 2022 warrant payment sent by Town Clerks was shared. We have collected 18M or 71% of the total due from the Towns, with 7.5M left to collect. This is on track with previous years.

NEW BUSINESS: Treasurer McFadden shared a spreadsheet on 2021 General Fund and Capital Fund balances. A discussed about fund balance policy and the County's options followed.

- : Tioga County's AUD is in progress, and will be completed by the end of the month.
- : 2022 Tax enforcement by the County is at 99% for all Special Franchise parcels. Only 3 parcels remain outstanding.
- : The County currently has 198 unpaid 2020 properties, with a final deadline of May 2nd before the County begins the foreclosure process. Treasurer McFadden noted this was very high for this time of the year.
- : Treasurer McFadden shared some updates from the State budget. The State has ended the AIM funding withholding from Sales Tax, as well as the Distressed Hospital withholdings. Tioga County will see one final AIM withholding of \$55K this May. It was also noted that there was no change to the Casino Aid formula.
- : New York State announced that will be dropping their tax on fuel for 7 months beginning on June 1st. Other Counties are looking at dropping their fuel tax as well. A discussion about the pros and cons of a fuel tax reduction commenced.

PERSONNEL: None.

RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT: 11:37 am